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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

10 EL-SIEB ALI, a.k.a. CHARLES THOMAS,
JR.

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 ELDON VAIL, *et al.*,

14 Defendants.
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Case No. C08-5646RBL

REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION TO
DISMISS COMPLAINT
WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Noted for December 31, 2008

16 This case has been referred to Magistrate Judge J. Kelley Arnold pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
17 636(b)(1)(B). This matter comes before the court upon plaintiff's request to dismiss his complaint (Doc.
18 7). After reviewing plaintiff's motion, the undersigned recommends that the court GRANT the motion
19 and dismiss this matter without prejudice pursuant to Rule 41(a).

20 Under Rule 41, a plaintiff has the right to voluntarily dismiss his case when no answer or motion for
21 summary judgment has been filed by an adverse party. Rule 41(a)(1) specifically provides that dismissal as a
22 matter of right can be foreclosed only by the filing of an answer or a motion for summary judgment. Roddy
23 v. Dendy, 141 F.R.D. 261, 262 (S.D. Mississippi, 1992).

24 Mr. Ali is requesting dismissal based on the understanding that he would like to pursue his claims in
25 state court. Plaintiff's requests comes after the court issued an order to show cause in which the court
26 explained the complaint contained certain deficiencies. The matter has not been served on any defendant,
27 and thus no other party has appeared in the matter.

28 Accordingly, plaintiff's request to voluntarily dismiss his Complaint should be GRANTED, and this

1 matter should be dismissed without prejudice.

2 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the
3 parties shall have ten (10) days from service of this Report to file written objections. *See also*
4 Fed.R.Civ.P. 6. Failure to file objections will result in a waiver of those objections for purposes of
5 appeal. Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985). Accommodating the time limit imposed by Rule 72(b), the
6 clerk is directed to set the matter for consideration on **December 31, 2008**, as noted in the caption.

7 DATED this Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

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9 /s/ J. Kelley Arnold

10 J. Kelley Arnold

11 United States Magistrate Judge
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